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### THE WEATHER

Western Oregon, Western Washington—Rain.  
Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, Idaho—Probably rain.

### OUR FISHING WAR.

The issue presented to the voters of the State of Oregon by the fishing interests of the upper and lower Columbia river may be declared in this terse fashion:

Will the people stand by the 5000 trained fishermen and the \$4,000,000 product, of the lower river, and preserve a staple industry of the Northwest; an industry carried on rationally and honestly, by men with families and homes and boats and nets representing one and a half millions of dollars privately and permanently invested in the correct and legal mode and method of prosecuting a standard calling, and that neither catches nor markets fish averaging under 25 pounds weight?

Or, will they sweep this out of existence, by supporting the specious plea of a piratical score of men, already wealthy and with other and ample resources, who are fishing with wheels and traps that are fixed, and fashioned to do the fishing automatically, without the aid of owners or employes, except to remove the fish once a day, and in this very act, taking away from the river the spawn and fingerlings, the baby salmon, that must go into the stationary gear along with the marketable sizes because the apparatus will not permit them to escape?

The former is an honest trade, manfully followed, squarely maintained, and standing for millions in the markets of the world. The latter is a predatory and ruinous system devised by men for the profit of the hour without thought of the perpetuity of the great salmon fisheries of Oregon as represented on the Columbia. It does not seem possible the intelligent and loyal voters of this State can dwell on the question for an instant; and as a paper published at the heart of the salmon industry, knowing all that such a contest means, we bespeak the aid of every elector in Oregon in the salvation of one of the prime activities of the State.

### GOVERNMENT PAY.

First and last, the pay of government employees does not measure anywhere near the standards used in the commercial and industrial services of the country; while, at the same time, the public service demands an equipment of the best and proven grades and will have no other. The discrepancy is not so apparent in the upper levels as it is in the lower and medium phases of employment, the file of army, navy, live-saving, lighthouse, coast survey, and minor elements of government work. The rank itself is really not paid, in any of these departments, as it should be, considering the life-preparation and the life-service involved; but the men, those who do the work and bear the brunt and weight of all undertakings, have no other inspiration to urge them in the acquirement of knowledge and proficiency, save such innate ambition as may possess them; and the Government is finding to its cost that good men are hard to get and keep in the various fields it must maintain.

The commercial world offers too many better-paid lines of employment with relative opportunities for advancement, to permit many men with real ambition to seek the deadly routine and limited promotion of the Government sphere; and if Uncle Sam is going to raise the standard of any or all the arms of his employ, he must first revise his schedule of pay. What is good for any of the great services

## SCANDINAVIAN-AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK

HAS  
MONEY TO LOAN ON  
GOOD SECURITY

he carries on, is good for the nation at large and the rule of adequate compensation has always been a standard in securing the better, and best, service, public and private, the world over.

### WELL MET!

The visit of Messrs. Adams, Forrest, Jenkins, McGuire and Savage, of the "North Bank" Railway service, to this city, and the dinner which served as a vehicle for putting our people in touch with them, has left a decidedly good impression in Astoria, and will always be remembered at times when it will contribute, perhaps, specifically to the larger and better understanding that must, for the good of the city, always be maintained.

While nothing of large moment or particular importance emanated from the gathering, it went a long way toward the establishment of a very friendly and knowledgeable footing for all concerned; and left the conviction with us that Astoria is plainly on the map of Mr. Hill's roads and their eventualities.

Another hint of value to us all is found in the friendly review of the visit, and that is, that the hour for talk has gone by and the necessity for work; good, hard, original, effective, initiative work, is at hand for the people of this city and county. We will be met half way by the Hill people at every point of accomplishment and that means an immense deal. We can certainly do no less than go that half, to be met by so powerful an agency in covering the second half of our achievements. We are glad they came here; and the city has out its "welcome" signs for all subsequent calls they may make.

### RAT AND FLEA.

If there is anything in the way of disaster and detriment and disorganization that poor old 'Frisco has not gone through since the fatal day in April two years ago, it does appear in the calendar of crime and casualty and confusion as we scan it these days.

Just now she is combatting the deadly rat and flea, the specific agents in the transmission of the bubonic plague; and she is going at it with her customary vim and thoroughness and pluck; and has arrayed all the physicians and the people into a composite and intelligently directed army to down the dreadful threat and invasion. Good luck to her! If ever a community was entitled to sheer good luck and plenty of it, it is the great city by the Golden Gate, and all the world is wishing her stacks and stacks of it.

### EDITORIAL SALAD

The idea that she was also welcoming the Panama Canal added fervor to Chili's salutes. All the countries on the west coast of South America will be commercially on velvet when the isthmian gateway is opened. Uncle Sam, a great and good friend, will pay the freight.

British Columbia has turned into government forest reservations 150,000,000 acres of timber land, or all that it owns outside of leased tracts. From such leases, which run 21 years, with possible renewal, the government receives \$1,275,000 a year. Our northern neighbors are ahead in forestry, as in ship canals.

A Russian prince who has traveled in the United States is unable to understand how this country, with its great wealth and generally favorable conditions, should be troubled with a financial flurry. The natives also are puzzled on this point, but are looking into the matter and expect to apply the remedy without delay.

In addition to spending \$100,000,000 on the enlargement of its canals the State of New York will make available 1,000,000-horsepower generated by water, which will yield a public revenue of \$6,000,000 a year. Next November the voters of Illinois will pass upon a proposition to utilize the power at the head of the Illinois river. The water power question is growing in importance in all the enterprising states.

### EXPLODING A MINE.

One of the methods of quarrying granite is to dislodge a huge sheet from the surface of the formation through the medium of a powder mine. A large perpendicular shaft is first blasted to a depth of about 30 feet. At the bottom of this, and radiating in all directions, horizontally, like the spokes of a huge wheel, long holes are drilled. The extremities of these holes are then shot with light charges of dynamite in order to create chambers large enough to receive large quantities of black powder. This takes weeks of ever increasing charges. Then the final charge is loaded. The now huge chambers at the extremities of the spokes are packed with hundreds of pounds of powder, numerous electric wires attached, and the whole mine tamped with fine material. A mighty roar and rumble in the bowels of the earth and the huge sheet is detached from the ledge.—From Popular Mechanics for March.

### Women Less Honest Than Men?

Are women more or less honest than men? The question is an old one, and no answer that can be given is likely to satisfy more than half of any given number of persons. It is raised again by Appleton's Magazine in its March number, and the answer, although given by a well-known woman—Mary Heaton Vorse—is against her sex. She does not assert that women are more prone to commit these crimes of which the courts take cognizance, but that their sense of honor is less keen than that of the masculine half of humanity. She quotes a judge as saying that women are more willing than men to perjure themselves on the witness stand, although usually they do it to further what they believe are the ends of justice, admits that women are more willing than men to use their influence or position unscrupulously to further their own ends, and adds that they are more likely to betray confidence. This last, of course, is the old charge of women's inability to keep a secret, but coming as it does from a woman herself it is likely to have more weight than ordinarily it would.

The Appleton article relates, as an illustration of the violations of the code of honor to which it alleges women are more prone than men, a story of a country doctor who frequently is called upon on the telephone by patients in a small village, some distance from his office in which a large number of houses are connected by a single wire. Whenever he takes up the telephone receiver, he knows that women all along the line are listening at their instruments to learn who is ill and all the symptoms. "Now, everybody but my patient put up her receiver," is his first word over the wire, followed, after a pause, by "There are several who haven't rung off yet. I shall tell their names if I don't hear the click of their receivers." Sometimes a woman is so persistent in her eavesdropping designs that he is forced to say: "Anna Smith, put up your receiver so that I can talk to my patient." After this he proceeds.

**The Penalty of Prominence.**  
Dorothy's father is a militia colonel, and on a recent occasion he saw him, in brave array, at the head of his regiment.  
"How do you like your father in his uniform?" the colonel asked his small daughter that night.  
"You looked handsomer than anybody else," said Dorothy loyally, "and you held your head up so high! But I think they were mean not to let you have a drum to play on!"—Youth's Companion.

**Witty and Caustic.**  
A woman suffrage lecturer, according to the Boston Globe, recently brought down the house with the following argument: "I have no vote, but my groom has. I have a great respect for that man in the stables, but I am sure if I were to go to him and say, 'John, will you exercise the franchise?' he would reply, 'Please, mum, which horse be that?'"

**A Variation in Sport.**  
"What happened when you passed a law against gambling in your state?"  
"The bookmakers got right to work making bets on whether it would be enforced or not!"—Washington Star.

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## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 14, 1908:

### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$403,597.61
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	1,898.91
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	47,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	1,400.00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	56,930.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	51,204.04
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	46,085.15
Due from approved reserve agents.....	200,595.03
Checks and other cash items.....	487.62
Notes of other National Banks.....	13,955.00
Nickels and cents.....	322.51
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz.:	
Specie.....	\$194,000
Legal-tender notes.....	120 194,120.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation).....	2,350.00
Total.....	\$1,019,945.87

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	24,408.91
National Bank notes outstanding.....	47,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	\$646,648.86
Demand certificates of deposit.....	\$176,513.10
Certified checks.....	375.00
Total.....	\$1,019,945.87

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss.:

I, S. S. GORDON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON,  
Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of February, 1908.

E. P. NOONAN,  
Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
W. F. McGREGOR,  
J. WESLEY LADD,  
G. C. FLAVEL,  
Directors.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE ASTORIA NATIONAL BANK

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 14, 1908:

### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$380,786.76
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	2,814.58
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	47,500.00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits.....	20,000.00
Other Bonds to secure U. S. deposits.....	34,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....	3,045.00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	65,921.48
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....	4,000.00
Other real estate owned.....	8,233.41
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	9,921.71
Due from approved reserve agents.....	140,769.51
Checks and other cash items.....	450.14
Notes of other National Banks.....	3,600.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents.....	964.86
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz.:	
Specie.....	\$122,840.15
Legal-tender notes.....	\$8,150.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation).....	2,375.00
Total.....	\$855,372.60

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	16,244.41
National Bank notes outstanding.....	46,900.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	\$278,548.34
Demand certificates of deposit.....	\$ 52,716.18
Time certificates of deposit.....	\$310,873.67
Certified checks.....	90.00
U. S. deposits.....	\$50,000.00
Total.....	\$855,372.60

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss.:

I, J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS,  
Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of February, 1908.

E. Z. FERGUSON,  
Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
GEO. H. GEORGE,  
L. MANSUR,  
A. SCHERNECKAU,  
Directors.

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